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"(d) The proceedings instituted against Sri Machani Gangappa were dropped by the R.T.A., Bellary, on 5—7—1948.

"(e) The question does not arise in view of the answer to clause (b).

"(f) The question does not arise in view of the answers to clauses (b) and (e)."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Sir, what was the necessity for the clarification when so many permits were being suspended and cancelled during the course of these two years after the control orders came into operation? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" When doubts were expressed by subordinate authorities, certainly clarifications have to be issued."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know if cases for illicit transport of foodgrains have been disposed of? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" I would request the hon. Member to put a separate question."

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—" Is it not a fact that numerous permits were suspended and cancelled during the course of the last eighteen months? "

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Presumably the hon. Member from Bellary knows more about it than Government."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Is it fair that the Regional Transport Authority should cancel or suspend a permit when a case against the holder thereof is pending? "

No answer.

*Printing presses in the Presidency.*

* 103 *Q.*—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(a) the number of printing presses (i) in Madras City and (ii) in the Presidency outside the City;

(b) whether there is any proposal before the Government at present not to grant permission for starting new printing presses and, if so, for what reasons; and

(c) whether there are any restrictions against existing printing presses from being removed from one locality to another?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (a) 339 and 980 respectively.

" (b) In view of the acute scarcity of white printing paper, in the Province due to short supplies made by Paper Mills in recent months, the Government decided early in July 1948, not to grant permission for operating new printing presses until the supply position of paper eased. The Government

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have since reviewed the position and have permitted the Director of Controlled Commodities to consider, on their merits, the applications from persons or institutions who have already made commitments by way of having imported or purchased machinery, buildings, etc., and have incurred financial liabilities, and to grant permission wherever necessary.

"(c) Under Clause 17 (b) of the Paper Control (Economy) Order, 1945, read with notification of the Government of India, Department of Industries and Civil Supplies, No. 370 P.A. (272)/45, dated 20th December 1945, as subsequently amended, no person shall, except with the permission of the Director of Controlled Commodities, Madras, change from one district to another district the location of a printing press."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"May I know, Sir, if the reasons for the transfer are considered satisfactory, whether the Director of Controlled Commodities will generally agree to the transfer of the press from one place to another?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—"If there is a good case made out, that will be considered."

*Enforcement of the Madras Shops and Establishments Act.*

* 104 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state— 11-30 a.m

(a) what arrangements have been made to give effect to the provisions of the Madras Shops and Establishments Act;

(b) whether the Government have exempted any shop or establishment from all or any of the provisions of the Act;

(c) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative, what the grounds are for such exemption;

(d) the provision or provisions under which such exemptions have been granted;

(e) whether the shop assistants or the employees in exempted establishments were afforded reasonable opportunities to present their point of view before exemptions were granted; and

(f) whether the proposed intention of the Government to grant exemptions was notified and objections called for before passing final orders?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—"(a) Officers of the Factories and Labour Departments, District Industries Officers, Commissioners of Municipalities, Executive Authorities of Panchayat Boards, Tahsildars and Deputy Tahsildars have been appointed ex-officio Inspectors to see that the provisions of the Act are given effect to. A full time Inspectorate will be set up shortly for this purpose.

"(b) Yes, Sir. Some establishments have been exempted from all the provisions of the Act and some others from specified sections of the Act.